

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and Northampton County invite citizens to a public meeting to discuss the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) to address fecal bacteria impairments in the Kings Creek Watershed. Water quality monitoring indicates that bacteria levels in Kings Creek violate Virginia's water quality standards for shellfish propagation. A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for the impairments was approved by EPA in 2007 and is available on DEQ's website at

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/apptmdls/shellfish/cherryst.pdf>

The Implementation Plan will identify ways to meet the pollutant reductions outlined in the TMDL study. The final public meeting to review the Draft TMDL Implementation Plan will be held in the auditorium of the former Northampton Middle School:

Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at 7:00 pm

Northampton County Middle School

7247 Young Street

Machipongo, VA

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed management actions to reduce bacteria concentrations in the affected watershed and to solicit public comment on the draft Implementation Plan. The IP includes the corrective actions needed to reduce bacteria and the associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts. The IP also provides measurable goals and a timeline of expected achievement of water quality objectives. A copy of the draft Implementation Plan will be available on the DEQ website by February 23, 2011. (<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/iprpts.html>)

How to comment: The public comment period on the development of the IP will end on March 25, 2011. Oral comments will be accepted and addressed at the public meeting.

Additional questions or information requests should be addressed to Todd Herbert or Jennifer Howell. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Todd Herbert at DCR or Jennifer Howell at DEQ:

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